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DT01 Rec'd PCT/PTO 18 OCT 2004AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.(original) Device intended to guarantee the tension and free access to the reverse face of a canvas (3) stretched on support means (5a, 5b), and constituting a lining element (1), and in particular a wall or ceiling element, comprising at least one mechanical closure (6), of the zipper type, which extends over at least a part of at least one of the dimensions of said wall, characterized in that the canvas (3) is constituted by an elastic material and in that its dimensions, before being placed under tension, are less than those of the support means (5a, 5b).

2.(original) Device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the dimension of the canvas (3), in the direction in which the closure (6) extends, is less than that of its support means by a quantity included between 0.5 and 3% and preferably of the order of 2%.

3.(currently amended) Device according to one of ~~Claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, characterized in that the dimension of the canvas (3), in the direction perpendicular to that in which the closure (6) extends, is less than that of its support means by a quantity included between 0.5 and 15% and preferably of the order of 7%.

4.(currently amended) Device according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the canvas (3) is constituted by polyvinyl chloride or PVC.

5.(currently amended) Device according to ~~one of the preceeding Claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the element (1) presents the form of a cylinder and the closure (6) is disposed along one of the generatrices thereof.

6.(original) Device according to Claim 5, characterized in that the element (1) is constituted by a cylinder with polygonal base.

7.(currently amended) Device according to ~~one of the preceeding Claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the closure (6) is fixed on the canvas (3) by adhesion.

8.(currently amended) Device according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, characterized in that the closure (6) is fixed on the canvas (3) by welding, particularly of high frequency type.

9.(currently amended) Device according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, characterized in that the closure (6) is fixed on the canvas (3) by stitching.

10.(new) Device according to claim 2, characterized in that the dimension of the canvas (3), in the direction perpendicular to that in which the closure (6) extends, is less than that of its support means by a quantity included between 0.5 and 15% and preferably of the order of 7%.